

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: ETHICON INC. PELVIC REPAIR ) MDL Docket No. 2327  
SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY ) HONORABLE JUDGE JOSEPH R.  
LITIGATION ) GOODWIN

**PRETRIAL ORDER #305**

**(ORDER RE: APPOINTING RONALD E. CORKERN, JR. AND LYNN BAKER AS  
SETTLEMENT MASTERS FOR PRIVATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN  
ETHICON AND CERTAIN PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL)**

Pending is an Amended Unopposed Motion for Appointing Ronald E. Corkern, Jr. and Lynn Baker as Special Masters for Private Settlement Agreement Between Ethicon and Certain Plaintiffs' Counsel, filed June 21, 2018. [ECF No. 6034]. Salim-Beasley, LLC ("Salim-Beasley") and Anapol Weiss, as counsel for certain plaintiffs in MDL No. 2327, have moved the Court for entry of an Order to aid in the administration of a Confidential Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") between Defendant, Ethicon, Inc., and certain related companies "Ethicon," Salim-Beasley, LLC, and Anapol Weiss to resolve the claims of certain claimants against Ethicon relating to the implantation of Ethicon Pelvic Mesh Products (as defined in the Settlement Agreement). The Court, having reviewed the Motion, and finding good and sufficient cause, **FINDS** and **ORDERS** the following:

1. The Amended Unopposed Motion [ECF No. 6034] is **GRANTED**.
2. Ronald E. Corkern, Jr., Esq., Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson, P.C., 616 Front Street, Natchitoches, LA, 71457, and Lynn Baker, Esq., Austin Law and Economics Consultants, 2210 Greenlee Drive, Austin, TX 78703 are hereby appointed as Settlement Masters for the administration of the settlement reached between Salim-Beasley, LLC, Anapol Weiss, and Ethicon related to the implantation of

Ethicon Pelvic Mesh Products (as defined in the Settlement Agreement)

3. The duties of the Special Masters shall be as set forth in the confidential Settlement Agreement entered into between Plaintiffs' Counsel and Ethicon.
4. In furtherance of the fair and efficient administration and implantation of the settlements, the Special Masters may have *ex parte* communications with the parties to the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiffs' Counsel and their clients, Ethicon and its counsel, and such *ex parte* communications shall not be deemed to have waived any attorney-client privileges.
5. The Special Masters shall be compensated privately as specified respectively in the Settlement Agreement or by agreement with Plaintiffs' Counsel. The Court will approve all compensation made to the Special Masters.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:12-md-2327 and it shall apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district *where applicable*, which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:18-cv-01065. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the court's website at [www.wvsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wvsd.uscourts.gov).

ENTER: July 6, 2018



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE